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**Criteria for appointment of district delegates in AIR/DD**

**†4032. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for appointment of district delegates in AIR and Doordarshan;

(b) the names of districts in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra where the offices of district delegates are lying vacant; and

(c) by when the above mentioned vacancies are likely to be filled up?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ):** (a) In Doordarshan, there is no post of district delegates. In so far as All India Radio is concerned, a copy of the scheme for recruitment of Part-Time Correspondents/District Delegates is given in the statement (*See below*).

(b) Delhi is being covered by AIR Correspondents posted at News Services Division Headquarters. In Uttar Pradesh, two posts of District Delegates, one each at Mathura and Meerut district and in Maharashtra, one post each at Greater Mumbai and Parbhani district, are lying vacant at present.

(c) Filling up of vacant posts is a continuous process and depends upon availability of suitable candidates and hence no time-frame can be set for the same.

**Statement**

***Scheme for Recruitment of Part-Time Correspondents/District Representatives in All India Radio***

**I. (a) Essential Qualifications**

- (i) At least a graduate
- (ii) 2/3 years journalistic experience
- (iii) Residence at District Headquarters.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

**(b) Desirable**

Diploma in Journalism

The minimum qualifications may be relaxed in exceptional cases if the candidate is otherwise found suitable.

**II. Age Limit for Applicants**

25 to 50 years (Relaxable upto 55 years depending upon the suitability of the candidate).

**III. (a) Appointment Procedure**

Vacancies of Part-Time Correspondents to be advertised in the form of announcements over the Radio or published in the Employment News/Newspapers. Such applications are to be addressed to the Station Director of the main Regional Station. Station Director, News Editor/Assistant News Editor, Senior Correspondent/Correspondent and an outside assessor from journalistic/academic field will make the initial selection after screening the applications by the Station Director, News Editor/Assistant News Editor, Senior Correspondent. A panel of 3-5 names for each district will be sent to the News Services Division, out of which the final selection will be made by the Director General of News. The panel should contain remarks about their qualifications, experience and other points about their suitability.

**(b) Contract Period**

The Work of Part-Time Correspondents selected would be watched for three months during which period they will be continued on monthly contracts and if their performance is found satisfactory during this period, they will be offered renewable half-yearly contracts subject to satisfactory verification of their character and antecedents and medical examination. The renewal of contract on half-yearly basis will be subject to satisfactory performance during earlier contract periods.

**(c) Age Limit for Part-Time Correspondents**

The contract in the case of Part-Time Correspondents will be continued on six monthly basis upto the age of 60 years subject to satisfactory performance. The renewal of the contract beyond 60 years will however be subject to production of a certificate of physical fitness from the competent medical authority.

**IV. Remuneration**

The remuneration of the Part-Time Correspondent will be as under:

- (i) The remuneration payable to a Part-Time Correspondent will be Rs. 750/- per month if a minimum of 10 stories have been filed per month and at least 50% of the same have been utilised. If utilisation is less than 50% payment will be made at the rate of Rs. 350/- per month.
- (ii) If the number of stories filed by a Part-Time Correspondent is between 6-9 (both inclusive) per month and at least 50% of the stories filed have been utilised, remuneration will be paid at the rate of Rs. 350/- per month. No payment may be made if utilisation is less than 50% of the number of stories filed.
- (iii) Where the number of stories filed is between 0-5 (both inclusive) per month, no payment will be made.

**Website link for betting**

4033. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Doordarshan had provided a website link for betting on the future of recent Indo-Australian Test matches played in Chennai, etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating, *inter-alia*, the *modus operandi* of participation therein by Indians;

(c) whether existence or functioning of a website link for betting is